

Table 6-2. Total Outlays, Number of New Recipients, and Average Weekly Payments for Trade Readjustment Allowances, Fiscal Years 1975-2010

Fiscal Year	Total Outlays (millions)	New Recipients (thousands)	Average weekly payment per recipients
1975 (4th quarter)	\$71	47	\$58
1976	79	62	47
1977	148	111	57
1978	257	155	68
1979	256	132	70
1980	1,622	532	126
1981	1,440	281	140
1982 ^a	103	30	119
1983	37	30	120
1984	35	16	139
1985	40	20	133
1986	118	40	144
1987	208	55	155
1988	186	47	165
1989	125	24	175
1990	93	19	164
1991	116	25	169
1992 ^b	43	9	163
1993 ^b	51	10	157
1994	120	31	181
1995	145	28	193
1996	160	31	200
1997	188	32	193
1998	151	24	191
1999	199	36	202
2000	239	33	218
2001	226	33	222
2002	249	37	234
2003	352	44	238
2004	528	81	262
2005	589	55	267
2006	514	53	289
2007	540	47	320
2008	523	42	312

Fiscal Year	Total Outlays (millions)	New Recipients (thousands)	Average weekly payment per recipients
2009 ^b	122	11	314
2010 ^b	93	20	320

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Training Administration. New recipient data are current as of August 2011. Outlay and average weekly payment data are current as of December 2010.

Notes: Fiscal year 1976 is the first full year of experience under the program as amended by the Trade Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-618, approved January 3, 1975).

- a. In response to the increases in TRA participation and program costs in 1980 and 1981, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 made several changes to eligibility requirements and benefit calculations with the stated objective of reducing program costs. These changes became effective October 1, 1981.
- b. The 1992, 1993, 2009, and 2010 figures for TRA recipients and outlays are abnormally low because of emergency unemployment compensation (EUC) payments that were made to eligible workers in lieu of TRA payments.